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## **U.S. Small Business Administration Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **Ann Marie Swenson, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Business Banking at People's United Bank Receives SBA's Financial Services Champion Award for Maine**

Augusta, Maine – The U.S. Small Business Administration is pleased to announce that Ann Marie Swenson, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Business Banking at People's United Bank, has been selected to receive the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2017 Financial Services Champion Award for Maine.

"Ms. Swenson has demonstrated a willingness to continually go above and beyond in her support of small businesses here in Maine," said Amy Bassett, SBA District Director for Maine. "She possesses the ability to provide individualized solutions for customers of the bank, setting a great example for her colleagues in the financial industry," added Bassett.

In addition to serving as Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Business Banking at People's United Bank, Ms. Swenson serves as a co-mentor at the Portland chapter of SCORE, is Treasurer of the Portland Community Chamber of Commerce, a member of the steering committee for House of Genius, and supports various statewide economic development programs.

Ms. Swenson was nominated for this award by Sarah Guerette, Director of the Southern Maine Women's Business Center in Portland. "A lot of people work very hard to help Maine businesses and I am honored to receive this award", said Swenson.

Ms. Swenson will be honored at the 2017 SBA Small Business Awards Celebration on May 15, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport. For more information about the event, please contact the Maine District Office's website [www.sba.gov/me](http://www.sba.gov/me) or contact Keith Lind at [keith.lind@sba.gov](mailto:keith.lind@sba.gov) or 207-622-8551.

Ann Marie Swenson, Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Business Banking at People's United Bank



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